

TennCare. This equals approximately 31% of their entire population. Only a small percentage of these 1853 individuals are age 65+ (1.3%).

- Transportation to health care was also determined to be “Somewhat of a problem” or a “definite problem” for approximately 21% of respondents in the 1996 “Behavior Risk Factor Survey”

### **Child Neglect and Abuse**

- There are no services in the county for child and protective services, although there are in neighboring counties. As a result, many people may not be aware of the services in other counties. Council members felt that incidents were reported, but there were no results. The members also felt their problems were not responded to adequately because the service was in another county.
- According to the 1997 “Stakeholders’ Survey”, approximately 57.1% of respondents stated child abuse and neglect services in the county were inadequate.
- According to the 1996 “Kids Count” Report, child abuse and neglect has increased 33.3% from 1992 figures. Children in state care has also seen an increase of 128.6% over the same time period, according to this same report. Despite the increases, the rates have remained below both the state and the region for abuse and neglect and children in state care.

### **Availability of specialized care (in particular orthopedics, pulmonology, and urology)**

- In particular, these specialties are needed for those with TennCare. Results from the 1997 Trousdale County “Community Survey” show 42% of respondents felt services for specialized physicians overall were “not adequate”. Specialty care itself was rated as “excellent/good” by only 32% of the respondents.
- According to the 1997 “Stakeholders’ Survey”, 50% of respondents answered that specialty care physicians were inadequate in the county. The majority was satisfied, however, with other aspects of care, including accessibility, reputation, convenience, facility, laboratory, support staff, cost, quality of care, etc.

### **Cardiovascular Disease ( includes heart disease and stroke**

- Heart Disease is seen as a problem in the community by 84% of respondents in the 1997 Trousdale County “Community Survey”. Also seen as problems were high blood pressure (84%) and obesity (79%), which are risk factors for heart disease.
- Per the 1997 “Behavior Risk Factor Survey”, seen, as definite problems in the community were the following: tobacco use (59%), obesity (36%), high blood pressure (35%), and heart conditions (33%). Also reported in this survey, were the facts that 37% of respondents currently smoke, while 56% have smoked at some point during their lives. Also, 79% of respondents have never been given advice on their weight throughout their lifetimes. Each of these is risk factors for heart disease and stroke.